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AB A film of light-sensitive material, i.e., AgNO<sub>3</sub> soln., and a reducing agent mixt. of NaOH 10-15%, formaldehyde 25-30, and H<sub>2</sub>O 55-65 wt.% are glazed stepwise on the surface of natural marble for decoration by handwriting, drawing, and artificial designs. Both reagents penetrate into the microvoids of the marble in the area to be decorated, and react to form Ag deposits. Black markings show after the marble is exposed to sunlight. The depth of penetration and the intensity of the color of the decoration are controlled by varying the soaking and diffusion time of the AgNO<sub>3</sub> soln. inside the marble and the concn. of both reagents.  
TI **Coloring** of natural marble and marble articles  
IT 1310-73-2, Sodium hydroxide, uses and miscellaneous  
RL: USES (Uses)  
(pH control by, in silver nitrate reaction with formaldehyde in marble for decoration)  
IT 7761-88-8, Silver nitrate, reactions  
RL: RCT (Reactant)  
(reaction of light-sensitive, with formaldehyde, for decoration of marble)